

Gretchen Ely and Kathy Lafuse have lived next door to each other for 22 years and agree that their adjacent gardens provide motivation for one another. Gretchen lives at 618 Eden Street and Kathy lives at 624 Eden. Their gardens feature maple trees, grasses, annuals, perennials, containers, bird feeders, garden art and lilacs. The yards are separated by a shoulder-high wooden fence which they say makes for good neighbors. Over this fence they discuss many garden topics including what flowers to split and share and how, each year, the gardens change. Under the fence there is activity too as weeds and aggressive plants like obedient plant and sea oats have spread. Gardening has contributed to neighborliness and friendship on Eden Street.





